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In re Application of	:	
YODA, et al.	:	
U.S. Application No.: 10/538,450	:	DECISION ON RENEWED
PCT No.: PCT/US03/39866	:	
Int. Filing Date: 15 December 2003	:	PETITION UNDER
Priority Date: 08 January 2003	:	
Attorney Docket No.: 58343US005	:	37 CFR 1.47(a)
For: FLEXIBLE MOLD FOR A BACK SURFACE	:	
PLATE OF PLASMA DISPLAY PANEL (PDP)	:	
AND PROTECTION METHODS OF THE MOLD	:	
AND BACK SURFACE PLATE	:	

This decision is in response to the applicant's "RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47" filed 02 October 2006 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to accept the filed declaration without the signature of joint inventor Chikafumi Yokoyama.

**BACKGROUND**

On 19 June 2006, applicant was mailed a decision dismissing applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a). Applicant was afforded two months to file any request for reconsideration.

On 02 October 2006, applicant filed the present renewed petition accompanied by a petition for two-month extension of time. With the filing of the petition for a two-month extension of time and payment of the appropriate fee, the renewed petition is considered timely filed.

**DISCUSSION**

As discussed in the decision mailed 19 June 2006, a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) must be accompanied by: (1) the requisite \$200 petition fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(g); (2) factual proof that the missing joint inventor refuses to execute the application or cannot be reached after diligent effort; (3) a statement of the last known address of the missing joint inventor; and (4) an oath or declaration executed by each of the signing joint inventors on their behalf and on behalf of the non-signing joint inventor(s). Applicant previously satisfied items (1), (3) and (4) above.

With the filing of the present renewed petition and supporting exhibits applicant has satisfied all of the concerns raised in the previous decision and it is proper to grant applicant's

renewed petition at this time.

**CONCLUSION**

For the reasons stated above, applicant's renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

The application has an international filing date of 15 December 2003 under 35 U.S.C. 363, and will be given a date of **16 December 2005** under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4).

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), a notice of the filing of this application will be forwarded to the non-signing inventor at his last known addresses of record. A notice of the filing of the application under 37 CFR 1.47(a) will be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being returned to the DO/EO/US for processing in accordance with this decision. Specifically, the mailing of a Notification of Acceptance (Form PCT/DO/EO/903).



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Dear Mr. Yokoyama:

You are named as an inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.47(a) and 35 U.S.C. 116. Should a patent be granted, you will be designated as an inventor. As a named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or to make your position of record in the application. Alternately, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent agent or attorney presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join in the application, the law firm of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of the appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

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